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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The battleship Texas left Norfolk yesterday for Culebra, Cuba, but had to return for repairs to her machinery. —— Matty Mathews got the decision over Owen Zeigler, in a twenty-round bout at Savannah. —— John D. Rockefeller and other persons of wealth propose a scheme to aid existing schools and colleges, particularly in the South. —— British and German warships have seized all the vessels of the Venezuelan navy, and President Castro has appealed to the Venezuelan people to take up arms against Germany and Great Britain. —— The Omnibus Statehood bill occupied the attention of the Senate the greater part of yesterday's session. —— In the House, Grow, of Pa., spoke on the relations of capital and labor. —— Thos. Wilson was shot and killed in his residence at Charlotte, N. C., by A. L Bishop, a travelling salesman. —— Fifty-six cadets of the Virginia Military Institute are under arrest. —— The combined Anglo-German fleet has landed marines at LaGuiara, Venezuela. —— The populace of Caracas made violent demonstrations against British and German residents when news of the seizure of Venezuelan warships was received. ——New York markets: Money on call firm at 4@6 per cent.; rosin steady; spirits turpentine firm at 53½@53¾; cotton quiet at 8.50c.; flour quieter but steadily held at old prices; wheat—spot easy, No 2, 83¾c.; corn—spot steady, No 2 64c.; oats were steady, spot No. 2 36¾c

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Dep't of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 10.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 29 degrees; 8 P. M., 51 degrees; maximum, 61 degrees; minimum, 28 degrees; mean, 44 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 1.91.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

Washington, Dec. 10.—For North Carolina: Increasing cloudiness Thursday, with rain in west portion and at night in east portion, warmer; Friday fair and colder; variable winds.

Port Almanac—December 11.

Sun Rises	7.00 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.46 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 50 M.
High Water at Southport	4.08 A. M.
High Water Wilmington	6.38 A. M.

The Boer generals seem to think a good deal of General Buller. Buller was their soft snap.

This country turned out last year 6,864,499,625 cigars and 1,651,618, cigarettes; all gone up in smoke.

John S. Wise says he intends to continue the fight for the Virginia negroes as long as he can see a ray of hope, or the negroes can raise the necessary requisite in the shape of dollars.

An Indianapolis boy who wanted to learn a trade and couldn't find an opening showed his perseverance by stealing a set of harness, to be sent to the penitentiary, where he thought he would have a chance.

"Publicity" as a remedy against trusts, is another of the makeshifts with which the Republican statesman are trying to humbug the people. Publicity is all right as far as it goes, provided it be the right kind of publicity.

The Pennsylvania hard coal barons may havebeen overeaching themselves in their stubbornness with the strikers. The shortage of hard coal has caused a larger consumption of soft coal with the probabilities that, as people become accustomed to it, the demand for soft coal will increase and that for hard coal diminish.

The expert testimony in the Patrick case, charged with killing millionaire Rice, cost New York $33,000. The bill of expenses in prosecution was about $75,000, and they are not done with it for he may get a new trial. The prosecutions of Molineux cost about $150,000. Perhaps this is the reason why they let so many murderers escape.

It is said that Senator Cullom's youthful ambitions was to become a dry goods clerk, and eventually own a store. He couldn't get a job and as matter of necessity took up the study of law, and wound up in the Senate. Well he did the best he could and when a boy does the best he can he should not be blamed even if he fails.

There is one judge in New Jersey who is not squeamish about sustaining monopolies. A man applied for an injunction to restrain his wife who he alleged monopolized the talk in his house and didn't give him any showing, but the judge held that as it was her house and her "jaw" she had the legal right to work it as s saw fit in her own territory, and dismissed the case.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Fur cape lost. See advertisement in "Business Locals."

— British steamer *Wandby*, hence for Liverpool, arrived out yesterday.

— Steamer *Labelia*, hence with a cargo of cotton, arrived yesterday at Cork.

— "Fair and warmer" is fun for the boys who use the fuel, but its death to the frogs who sell it.

— The fire laddies of Engine Co. No. 1 captured a fine o'possum near their headquarters last night.

— Five or six recruits have enlisted for the U. S. Navy at the recruiting station opened this week in the grand jury room of the U. S. Court House.

— President W. E. Worth has called a meeting of the directors of the Wilmington Tobacco Warehouse Co., to be held in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce to-day noon.

— All ladies who expect to enter the golf tournament Saturday are asked to please give their names to the Captain of the Green not later than Friday evening, so that the handicaps may be arranged.

— The street force, under Superintendent Woolard has just completed the fine macadam on Chesnut, between Front and Second streets. Chesnut, between Seventh and Tenth streets, is now being worked on.

— By deed executed May 13th, 1901, and filed yesterday for record, Samuel P. Collier, trustee, et al., transferred to Emma F. Collier, lot of land at northeast intersection of Wood and Rankin streets, 66x330 feet in size.

— Lottie May Johnson, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L A. Johnson, No. 2 Wooster street, died of pneumonia Tuesday night at the family residence, aged 4½ months. The remains were taken yesterday to Clarkton, N. C., for interment.

— Rev. Jno. H. Hall and family expect to leave the last of next week for their new home in Rockingham. Rev. F. M Shamburger, the newly appointed pastor of Fifth Street church, will arrive in Wilmington about the same time of Mr. Hall's departure.

— The Department responded to a telephone alarm of fire at 3:20 P. M. yesterday. Sparks from the chimney in a house owned by A. H. Slocumb and occupied by Mrs. Jane Green, 1010 South Front street, caused a blaze which damaged the building about $15; no insurance.

— Upon the charge of robbing the carpenter shop of Mr. B. W. Murrell, to which he finally confessed, James Floyd, colored, was bound over to the Superior Court by Justice Fowler yesterday and in default of bond he went to jail.

— The Star regrets that an error was made in its report of a small fire on South Front street Monday afternoon. The restaurant is not conducted by colored persons but is run by Mr. L A. Covil, a gentleman who has a first-class place for white patrons only. The number is 115½ South Front.

THE MIDDLETON STOCK COMPANY.

"Pike County Folks" the Bill at Academy Last Night—Announcements.

Last night the Middleton Stock Company gave one of the best performances ever given at the Academy by a repertoire company. It was a production of "In Missouri," or "Pike County Folks," as the company calls it, and was witnessed by a thoroughly pleased audience.

The moving pictures were again given and proved a big feature. The coronation of King Edward and the eruption of Mt. Pelee were represented. The latter was especially realistic and evoked hearty applause.

To-night the company will present one of the strongest plays in their repertoire, "A Hero of the World," and between acts all new specialties will be introduced. Seats for this performance, at 30 cents per seat, are now on sale at Plummer's.

Saturday afternoon a special ladies and children's bargain matinee (ten and twenty cents) will be given.

MARRIED IN BALTIMORE.

Mr. Robert Edgar Post Claimed a Fair Maryland Bride Yesterday.

At 11 o'clock yesterday morning in Grace Methodist Episcopal church, LaFayette Square, Baltimore, Miss Genevieve Palmer, the attractive young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis L. Palmer, of Baltimore, was wedded to Mr. Robert Edgar Post, a former young Wilmingtonian, who is now connected in a responsible capacity with Fairbanks & Co., the largest scale manufacturers in the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Post are expected to visit in Wilmington during the holidays, the guests of Mr. Post's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Post.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

W. E. Worth & Co.—Coal.

Academy—"A Hero of the World."

Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.—Welsbach drop lights.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Lost—Fur cape.

Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.—Don't dress in cold room.

Holiday and Christmas presents at Gaylord's Racket Store. †

Wednesday and Thursday will be Mid Winter and Holiday opening days at The Polvogt Co's. Store. Everybody welcome—beautiful store decorations. †

SHOT BY A. L. BISHOP

A Young Travelling Man Well Known Here Committed Murder in Charlotte.

THEN HE FLED THE CITY.

Tragedy Occurred at the House of a Girl Upon Whom He Called With a Friend. Young Lady's Father the Victim of the Shooting.

A host of acquaintances in Wilmington of Mr. Arthur L. Bishop, a well known travelling salesman for a Boston shoe company, were astonished yesterday at reading in the Charlotte *Observer* that on the night previous he had shot and almost instantly killed Mr. Tom Wilson, of Charlotte, an overseer on the public roads of the county. The shooting occurred at Wilson's house in a remote section of the city and immediately after the tragedy Bishop fled. He had been in Charlotte a week and was an acquaintance of Miss Lena Schultz, whom he visited frequently. Night before last he accompanied Miss Schultz to the house of her friend, Miss Wilson, daughter of the man whom he killed. The three were in the parlor of Mr. Wilson's home drinking wine and making merry. Mrs. Wilson was attracted by the noise from another room and going to the parlor door she saw the three drinking wine from a bottle which Bishop had placed on the centre table. Mrs. Wilson returned to her room, woke up Mr. Wilson, and he went to the parlor and roughly demanded that the visitors leave the house. Bishop told Mr. Wilson he was accustomed to being treated as a gentleman, and the latter took hold of him to put him out. He was armed with an oak stick, and at the parlor door Bishop pressed his revolver to Wilson's side and fired. He then broke the dying grasp of the man by shoving him off and fled.

Bishop is well known in Wilmington and has spent much time here. He was pleasing in his manner and made more personal friends in visiting the city than the ordinary traveller. He is of a fine old Virginia family, and leaves a wife and little daughter in Petersburg.

Bishop made his headquarters in Wilmington while travelling in this section of the State and that fact probably led the Charlotte police to telegraph here yesterday to know if he had been seen in this vicinity. At 12 o'clock last night he had not been captured so far as the authorities in Charlotte were informed. He was inclined to be wild during his regular visits to Wilmington but always spoke with tenderness of his wife and child in Petersburg. He was not the man one would pick out to commit the horrible deed that he did in Charlotte.

Duplin Losing Its Children,

Raleigh *News and Observer*: "Capt. Duckett, chief clerk to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, found a curious mistake in the school returns from Duplin county yesterday. Last year the school superintendent of Duplin reported a total of 11,241 children of school age in the county and this year he reports 7 848, which means that there are 3,393 less children in Duplin this year than a year ago. Since money is apportioned per capita this means much less for the school this year than last. Last year the Duplin schools received $1,686 15, while this year the amount is $1,177.20. It is supposed that there is some clerical error in the report.

Xmas Opening at Polvogt's.

The handsome store of the C. W. Polvogt Co. is wearing a gay holiday attire this week, yesterday having been the first day of the annual Xmas opening at that popular establishment. The display of holiday goods was never more complete. This statement is especially applicable to the dolls, which are there in great assortment, with hundreds of other holiday novelties for both the little and grown-upfolks. The decorations are very pretty and effective.

St. John's Lodge of Masons.

St. John's Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., has elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: W. M.—J. E. Matthews; S. W.—E. S. Martin; J. W.—W. L. Coney; Treasurer—Henry Burkhimer; Secretary—R. C. Merritt. These, with the appointive officers, will be installed on St. John's Day, Dec. 27th. After the election Tuesday night the lodge enjoyed a sumptuous repast served in honor of the occasion.

Change in Hardware Circles.

Mr. W. L. Latta, who for a number of years has been the popular bookkeeper for the Jacobi Hardware Co., has resigned that position and will leave next week, accompanied by Mrs. Latta, for Chattanooga, where he will become assistant to the general manager of the Chattanooga Roping and Foundry Co. Mr. Latta will be succeeded to the position here by Mr. R. C. Sloan, now with Messrs. W. E. Springer & Co.

Request To The Ladies.

The ladies of the city are asked not to forget that 4 o'clock this afternoon is the hour and the parlor of the Elks' Temple is the place for the meeting this afternoon to take into consideration plans for the Christmas tree and supper to be given during the holidays to the children of the city. All ladies are respectfully invited.

THE GAS HOUSE MISCREANT.

Gus Brindell Arraigned in Police Court on the Charge of Wilful Trespass. Further Investigation.

Augustus F. Brindell, the young white man arrested Tuesday morning for wilfully turning on a drip pipe and allowing gas to escape from the reservoirs of the C. R., L. & P. Co., was arraigned in the municipal court yesterday and sent to the roads for thirty days for trespassing upon the premises of the company. Believing that the man was acting in the capacity of a tool for others, who have a grievance against the company, an investigation will privately be made and the case will doubtless come up again in the higher court.

Mayor Waddell, in sending Brindell to the roads, spoke of the despicable motive that he was inclined to believe had actuated the prisoner, who was cautioned against a repetition of the offence.

Colored workmen at the gas house testified as to finding Brindell and said they were satisfied he was not drunk; indeed, it would have been impossible, they said, for an intoxicated man to crawl through the small aperture leading into the begrimed cellar in which he was found, and much more impossible for one who was drunk to turn open the valve through which the gas was escaping.

Brindell, when asked if he wanted to testify, said only that he was drunk and knew nothing of what he was doing. He is said to have a small family, who live on Eighth, between Queen and Wooster streets. He has never been regularly employed in the city and picked up odd jobs at tinning and painting wherever he could.

Brindell came to Wilmington from Fayetteville and from the following introduction to an article in yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville *Observer*, one would judge that his reputation in that city is not the very best: "Gus Brindell, ex-convict, ex-soldier of the American army of invasion in the Philippines (Fayetteville sent several ex-convicts to the Philippines as soldiers) and several other ex's no doubt, is in serious trouble in Wilmington."

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO-DAY.

Meeting of Executive and Chairmen of All Standing Committees To-day.

An important special meeting of the Executive Committee and chairman of all standing committees of the Chamber of Commerce will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The chairmen of committees are as follows: William Calder, arbitration; Jno. S. Armstrong, banks and currency; M. S. Willard, insurance; W. R. Kenan, health and sanitation; M. W. Jacobi, public entertainment; Jno. A. Arringdale, legislation; M. J. Corbett, New York and Chicago, quotations; Walker Taylor, membership; S. P. McNair, agriculture and immigration; W. E. Worth, harbor, shipping and commerce; H. G. Smallbones, towage and pilotage; D. L. Gore, quotations of cotton; G. J. Boney, public utilities; M. W. Jacobi, industrial and business enterprises; Samuel Bear, Jr., advertising; J. A. Taylor, transportation and traffic; W. H. Sprunt, information and statistics; C. H. Robinson, quotations on naval stores; W. B. Cooper, finance and grievances; Jno. Frank, railway, postal, telegraph and express service.

The meeting is called for the consideration of several important matters and a full attendance is desired.

BROTHERHOOD, RAILWAY CARMEN.

Atlantic Lodge No. 213 Elected Officers Last Night—Increasing Membership.

Atlantic Lodge No. 213, Brotherhood, Railway Carmen of Ameries, last night elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing term of six months:

Chief Carman—A. G. Martin.
Vice Chief Carman—J. B. Jones.
Recording Secretary—T. K Curtis.
Financial Secretary—J. G. Smith.
Treasurer—G. B. Hudson.
Chaplain—L. A. Goodenburg.
Guide—M. C. Byrd.
Warden—L. V. Cate.
Sentinel—D. W. Mason.
Trustees—W. C. Wallace, G. A. Peterson and Chas. F. Craig.

A number of members were enrolled at the meeting, bringing the number on the roll up to 127. Germania Hall has been secured as a regular meeting place and sessions are held each Wednesday night.

Great Martynne Company.

The "Great Martynne Company" opened to the capacity of the theatre on Monday night at Newbern, turning many away. One of the features recently added to the company is that of "Mrs. Flint," in all the latest coon songs, such as "Music Man," "You Can't Take No Ten Cent Drink on Me," and others. The Newbern *Journal* praises the performance of Monday night very highly.

Smallpox in North Carolina.

Smallpox is reported to exist in nineteen counties in the monthly report of the State Board of Health, issued Tuesday. The largest number of cases exist in Craven, where there are 51. Mecklenburg comes next, with 48; Swain, 35; Gaston, 20. In Madison county the report gives many cases of scarlet fever. It says that there were 100 cases there in November.

See the store decorations at Polvogts'. They will have the Mid Winter and Holiday opening Wednesday and Thursday, everybody welcome. †

Visit the Polvogt's Co's store. †

AN EVENING WEDDING

Miss Julia Green Fillyaw Married to Captain Warren Lee Jones.

AT SIX O'CLOCK YESTERDAY.

Ceremony Witnessed by Many Friends and Relatives at Home of Bride's Parents—Extensive Bridal Tour, Including San Francisco.

The marriage of Miss Julia Green Fillyaw, a popular young lady of Wilmington and a daughter of Capt. and Mrs. DeLeon Fillyaw, to Capt. Warren Lee Jones, one of the most popular young conductors in the Atlantic Coast Line service, was solemnized yesterday evening at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, No. 116 Grace street.

The ceremony was performed in the midst of a host of admiring friends and relatives by the Rev. Dr. James Carmichael, rector of St. John's parish, and immediately following the service the bride and groom received heartiest congratulations upon their happy union and were accompanied by the wedding attendants to the A. C. L. Front street station, from whence they departed on the 7 o'clock northbound train for an extended bridal tour across the continent to San Francisco. They will remain away until Jan. 1st, when they will return to the city and be at home at No. 116 Grace street.

The parlors of the home in which the ceremony was performed last evening were most attractively decorated and a brilliant illumination lent charm to a scene beautiful indeed to behold. The officiating clergyman stood upon the threshold of a large bay window on the west side of the room, the walls of which were artistically covered with Southern smilax. Palms, ferns and potted plants entered very effectively into the decorations in other parts of the room.

The wedding marches were skilfully played by Mrs. James Sinclair; Lohengrin as the party entered and Mendelshon's wedding march as they passed out. During the progress of the ceremony "Hearts and Flowers" was softly rendered, adding greatly to the impressiveness and beauty of the occasion. The bride entered with her maid of honor, Miss Margaret W. Brickell, of Weldon, and the groom with his best man and brother, Mr. Edward F. Jones, of Wilmington. At an improvised altar the two young people, who were to enter upon life's journey as one, knelt and the solemn words were spoken according to the beautiful Episcopal service.

The bride wore a handsome tailor made travelling suit of brown broadcloth and carried an exquisite bouquet of bride's roses and maiden hair ferns. The maid of honor was attired in a fashionable Venetian suit of brown cloth trimmed with lace and carried a beautibouquet of pink carnations and ferns.

The groom wore a suit of conventional black with boutonniere of white carnations and a sprig of fern. The best man was similarly dressed and wore a boutonniere of pink carnations and ferns.

Among the out-of-town guests at the wedding were Miss Josie Worthington, of New Jersey; Miss Bessie Williams, of Mount Olive; Miss Daisy M. Jones, of Kenansville, sister of the groom, and Mrs. R. K. Clanton, of Weldon, grand-mother of the bride.

An elaborate reception was given at the home of the bride's parents Tuesday evening to which many friends were invited. The presents displayed on that occasion were exceptionally, numerous and very pretty.

The wedding was one of the most beautiful home ceremonies of the season.

BURIED AT LEXINGTON, N. C.

Remains of Late W. C. Norman Tenderly Laid to Rest.

A special from Lexington, N. C., gives the following account of the interment of the remains of Rev. W. C. Norman in that city Tuesday morning:

The remains of Rev. Dr. W. C. Norman arrived here Tuesday night and were taken to the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. Frank Hargrave, for the night. In the accompanying party were Mrs. Norman, her sister in-law, Mr. C. C. Hargrave; her brothers, Messrs. J. F. and R. S. Hargrave, Rev. F. H. Wood, of Durham; Rev. F. M. Shamburger, of Rockingham; Mr. Joseph G. Brown, of Raleigh; Messrs. J. S. Carr, J. H. Southgate and Mr. Moore, of Durham; Prof. W. H. Pegram, of Trinity College; Mrs. Stokes and Mrs. Womack, of Reidsville, sisters of Dr. Norman, and a brother, Mr. Banks Norman, of Roxboro.

The burial occurred at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning in Lexington cemetery in the presence of a large assemblage of sorrowing friends, for Dr. Norman was greatly loved here and called Lexington his home.

A short service was held at the grave, conducted by Rev. Messrs. Wood, Shamburger and Arnold, of Lexington. The floral offerings were exquisite and in great profusion, these being about 30 in number. Much admiration was expressed for the lovely designs, for they were the most beautiful ever seen here. They were sent by friends from Wilmington, Raleigh, Durham and Lexington. The grave was literally covered. Mr. Norman is survived only by his wife, who was Miss Sallie Hargrave, of this place, there being no children. To her the sympathy of the entire town goes out in this saddest of all bereavements.

Toys and Fireworks of all kinds at Gaylord's Racket store. †

Useful Christmas presents will be displayed Wednesday and Thursday at Polvogt's, their Mid Winter and Holiday opening days.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Dr. Levi Alexander, of upper Topsail Sound, was a welcome visitor to the city yesterday.

— Rev J. L. Vipperman left yesterday morning for Durham to attend the Baptist State Convention.

— Col. T. C. James went up to Fayetteville yesterday on business for the Norfolk and Western.

— Mrs. F. A. Muse and Miss Annie Taylor left yesterday morning for Durham to attend the Baptist State Convention.

— Friends of Mr. Rem. L. Prompert, the popular travelling man, will regret to know that he is quite sick at his rooms in the Atlantic Inn, Front and Red Cross streets.

— Dr. L. L. Ardrey, who was formerly located at Burgaw, but who has recently returned from an extensive trip through the West, was at The Orton yesterday.

— First Lieut. Phillip Yost, 102nd Company, Coast Artillery, came up from Fort Caswell yesterday and left in the afternoon for Fort Macon to superintend some construction there.

THE CRONLY CERAMIC COMPANY.

It Will Manufacture a Variety of Products. Wilmington Capital Interested.

Noting the incorporation of the Cronly Ceramic Company, which was referred to in a special to the Star yesterday the Raleigh *News and Observer* says:

"The Cronly Ceramic Company was incorporated yesterday. The headquarters are to be at Cronly, N. C. The incorporation is to manufacture and deal in all kinds of ceramics, bricks, terra cotta pipes, earthenware, pottery, lime, cement, carry on a general mercantile business, deal in merchandise, real estate, operate steamboats and sailing craft, do a towage business, operate flats and barges, haul freight on the Cape Fear and its branches. The capital stock is put at $50,000, shares $100 each, the company to commence business with $7,500. The incorporators are William Gilchrist and G. H. Smith, of Wilmington; W. V. B. Van Dyck and E. H. Rapalje, of Cronly."

CENTRAL HOSPITAL FOR INSANE.

Recommendation for Increased Appropriations for Improvements.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 10.—The directors of the Central Hospital for the Insane adopted recommendations today asking $197,000 for running expenses and improvements, including $80,000 for two wings, 172 feet long and three stories in height; also $4,500 for water connection with the Wake Water Works Company; also $6,500 for the purchase of additional land.

An equipment agreement between Blair & Co., of New York, and the Southern Railway was filed for record to-day, by which the Southern Railway buys eighty-two 170,000-pound freight locomotives, four switch engines, three passenger engines and 3,200 freight cars, to be delivered during December and January. The price paid is $1,144,396, in fourteen semi-annual payments.

Will Lecture on Christian Science.

Hon. W. G. Ewing, the distinguished Chicago jurist and lecturer who has once before visited Wilmington, will arrive in the city Saturday and on Monday evening he will address the public in the Academy of Music upon the subject of Christian Science. No admission will be charged to the lecture and all are cordially invited to be present. Sunday Judge Ewing will be present at the services of the First Church of Christ, Scientists, in the Murchison Bank Building.

Mr. Brown Will Remain Here.

Friends of Mr. A. A. Brown will be glad to learn that he has decided not to go to Durham with the office headquarters of the Powers & Gibbs branch of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., which has been transferred to that city. Mr. Brown will remain in Wilmington, but has made no announcement of his plans for the future.

For Asthma use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.
For sale by J. C. Shepard.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC
TO-NIGHT
MIDDLETON STOCK COMPANY
In a big production of
"A HERO OF THE WORLD."
Popular Prices—10, 20 and 30 cents.
Seats now on sale at Plummer's.
MATINEE SATURDAY AFTERNOON.
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We Will Bond You.
The United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company. Home office, Baltimore, Md.
Paid Up Capital, $1,500,000
Surety Bonds.
Fidelity Contract Judicial,
Judicial Bonds executed without delay. State and county officials bonded.
Burglar Insurance.
Banks, Stores, Residences insured against burglary or theft.
Correspondence solicited.
C. D. WEEKS, General Agent,
Wilmington, N. C.
oc 14 2m

Lands Posted.
The privilege of hunting on my lands near Wilmington having been leased, all persons are hereby warned against shooting, hunting, ranging or otherwise trespassing on said lands.
S. W. NOBLE.
m nov 16 tf

Welsbach Lights
FOR SALE AT COST.
Glassware In All Shapes and Colors.
Fine Effects.
A Welsbach Drop Light
MAKES THE BEST READING LIGHT.
Consolidated Railways, Light & Power Co.
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THE BITUMINOUS
COAL We Are Selling at
$5 Per Ton
IS AS GOOD FOR HOUSEHOLD USE AS ANY SOLD ON THIS MARKET.
TRY IT AND YOU WILL FIND IT SO.
Wm. E. Worth & Co.
Phones—Bell 94. Inter-State 146. dec 11 tf

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Sold over every counter as they are preminently the highest grade 5c Cigar in the U. S.
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Sales Agents.
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ATLANTIC COAST LINE STOCK
To Be Issued Dec. 20th, 1902.
At the best market prices.
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In Stock and for Sale at Lowest Possible Prices
100 Dozen Mullet Roe.
COCOANUTS, MIXED NUTS,
RAISINS,
CALIFORNIA DRIED PEACHES,
DRIED APPLES,
CANDIES, COFFEES and MOLASSES.
And complete line of Groceries. Write for prices.
SAM'L BEAR, SR., & SONS,
Wilmington, N. C., 13 Market street.
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Just Received.
New lot Library Lamps. A beautful lot of Pictures; Enamel Beds from $3.75 up. Nice Line Rockers, Trunks and Stoves. New lot Felt Mattresses. Come and see us and get our prices. We guarantee to undersell any firm in the city.
GASTON D. PHARES & CO.
Inter-State 'Phone 76. 115-117 Market street.
sep 14 tf

New Grocery!
This is to inform my friends and the public generally that I have opened at No. 15 North Second street a first class Family Grocery, where I am prepared to furnish the trade everything new and fresh in Fancy Groceries, Country Produce, Cigars, Tobacco, etc.
C. O. ALEXANDER.
Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 1st, 1902. dec 3 tf

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.
LOW ROUND TRIP
Rates From Wilmington
Sixth Annual Exhibition, Charlotte Poultry Association, Charlotte, N. C., January 13th-15th, 1903. Dates of sale January 11th to 14th, inclusive. Final limit January 16th. Rate, $6.30.
Meeting North Carolina Association Academies, Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 26th, 27th, 1902. Dates of sale Dec. 24th to 27th, inclusive. Final limit Dec. 31st. Rate, $6.55.
Christmas Holiday Rates.
On Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and Jan. 1, the Atlantic Coast Line will sell tickets to all points in territory of the Southeastern Passenger Association at rate of a fare and a third for the round trip, limited Jan. 3. Upon presentation and surrender of certificates signed by superintendents, principals or presidents of schools or colleges tickets at this rate will be sold to teachers and students, Dec. 16 to 23, inclusive; limited Jan. 8th.
W. J. CRAIG,
Approved: Gen'l Passenger Agent.
H. M. EMERSON,
Traffic Manager.
nov 15 tf

Important Notice.
We wish to inform our regular customers as well as the public at large that we have just received a consignment of Foreign Wines, which we offer to everybody at the following low price for a short time only:

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The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING. DEC. 11.

THE APPALACHIAN FOREST RESERVE.

In 1899 some gentlemen in Asheville conceived the idea of asking the Government to establish a national park, embracing a portion of the mountains of North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and other States. The intention originally was the establishment of a national park as an attraction for tourists, a sort of pleasure resort on a grand scale, something similar to the Yellowstone Park, and others, established by the Government in the mountainous regions of the West. But the idea grew and the originators of the scheme builded better than they knew, for while laboring for a park they were laboring to secure not only a pleasure resort but something of infinitely more importance and value to the present and coming generations, not only in this State, but in several States. The national park has expanded into a national reserve, to be cared for and utilized by the Government, perpetuated for all time, embracing the most attractive region of the mountain country and most of the Southern water-shed East of the Mississippi, emptying its waters into the rivers on one side whose volumes flow to the Gulf, and on the other side into the rivers whose volumes flow to the Atlantic, numberless streams and several great rivers.

If it were to be simply a park for pleasure purposes only it would have commanded little attention outside of the locality in which the scheme originated, but the public attention turned to it led to investigation, eliciting facts which show it to be one of the most important schemes to which public attention has been turned for years or for which Government aid has been asked, and the strange thing about it is that considering its importance, and all the reasons in its favor, it was not suggested and urged years ago.

A bill is now pending in Congress, favorably reported at the last session, asking for an appropriation of $10,000,000 for the purchase of 4,000,000 of acres on the borders of North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, South Carolina and Georgia. In 1901 an appropriation of $5,000 was made to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to make an investigation and report on the merits of the scheme, the result of which was a report strongly commending it to the favorable consideration of Congress. The result of this report was the following recommendation in the first message of President Roosevelt:

> Its conclusions point unmistakably, in the judgment of the Secretary and in my own, to the creation of a national forest reserve in certain parts of the Southern States. The facts ascertained and here presented deserve the careful consideration of the Congress; they have already received the full attention of the scientist and the lumberman. They set forth an economic need of prime importance to the welfare of the South, and hence to that of the nation as a whole, and they point to the necessity of protecting, through wise use, a mountain region whose influence flows far beyond its borders with the waters of the rivers to which it gives rise.

The bill is carefully drawn up to accomplish the purposes intended, that is to preserve and rehabilitate the mountain forests where they have been denuded, and to utilize such timber as may be utilized without damage to the forests, and also minerals that may exist within the purchased domain. The Agricultural Department may purchase the lands outright or permit the settlers or donators (if land should be donated), to cut timber or mine the land under certain regulations. Some of these lands are known to contain valuable minerals, iron, copper, gold and other metals, the mining of which may be pursued, care being required to have it done without detriment to the reserve, or militating against the preservation of the great water sources of the streams that flow from the mountains and feed the rivers below.

Few who are not familiar with that mountain region have any idea of the glory of its forests or of the great variety of trees that flourish there. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson pronounces them "the most beautiful forests of the continent," and the report of the House committee refers to them as:

> The oldest, largest, and most varied primeval hard-wood forests of the continent are within its limits. One hundred and thirty-seven species of trees have been examined and described by the Government experts who have visited and surveyed the territory. The list of shrubs and smaller plants is still greater. Northern varieties mingle with Southern; those from the Gulf region with those from New England. It contains a unique natural collection of forest species selected and forested by soil and climate which if once destroyed can never be replaced. Among these are cherry, walnut, yellow poplar, chestnut, ash, beech, and the magnolia and mulberry.

This is what will constitute the reserve, something well worth preserving, even if there were fewer benefits to accrue from it.

But these benefits are manifold and from a money point of view mean many millions of dollars, millions annually in the case of floods, and the saving from inevitable destruction millions of acres of fertile and productive valleys. Within the past few years the floods have caused damage of many millions of dollars to the lands on the rivers fed by these mountain streams. In 1901 the damage was estimated at more than $10,000,000. Floods may occur at any time now when there is a heavy rainfall and will become more frequent and more disastrous as the mountains become more denuded of the flood checking trees, and their carpets of leaves and humus which act as absorbents of the rainfall.

The damage is far reaching and has forced rice culture to be abandoned on the Savannah and other rivers, where it was once a great and profitable industry.

But there are other industries besides the industry of the farm which are affected, all such industries as utilize the streams as motive powers, and this Piedmont country is becoming one of the great manufacturing sections of the continent, where there are now many millions of dollars invested in various manufacturing enterprises and where there will be many millons more. It would be a profitable investment and economy to spend more than $10,000,000 if necessary to preserve the source of these streams that are fed from the mountains which, while kept within bounds and harnessed are good servants but when turned loose and beyond control fearful destroyers.

AFRAID OF TOO MUCH TOBACCO.

With other leading North Carolina tobacco growers Col. John S. Cunningham, of Person county, the largest tobacco grower in North Carolina, is working to organize a tobacco growers association with a view to acting in concert and thus prevent, if possible, the planting of too much tobacco next Spring, which he contends, and with good reason, too, will be disastrous to the planters, and make what ought to be, under judicious management, a profitable business, a losing one.

After consultation with other large tobacco growers, he has issued a circular inviting the planters to meet at Rocky Mount on the 19th of this month to organize an association. In the circular he says:

> I believe this is absolutely necessary now because if we do not form a business association at this time for our mutual interest and protection we shall see the price of tobacco fall until, with the large crop which it seems now certain will be planted for the year 1903, we shall be selling our products at less than cost of production.

Col. Cunningham is no alarmist. He is a level-headed business man, and a practical tobacco-grower, who has made money growing the weed in a business like way. He is, therefore, competent to speak and to advise others who are not so well informed, and have not been so long nor largely indentified with the industry as he has been.

We do not believe, either, in making "much ado about nothing" nor in sounding alarms when there is no danger, but discretion is a good thing, it is said to be sometimes "the better part of valor," but there *is* danger of the tobacco business being overdone just as cotton growing has been overdone, and when it is overdone it is too late to remedy the mistake. Better fewer acres, less expense and work and fair money, than many acres, much expense and work and little money. The tobacco planter should think seriously and look before he leaps.

Benjamin Gist, of Falls City, Nebraska, was happy until a rich uncle died and left him $40,000 in cash. He had lots of cousins who thought the old man should have remembered them. So did he, and he agreed to divide equally with them, but then they began to squabble, one contending that he or she should have more than the others, and that made Ben mad. Then they made life miserable for him by running after him day and night, so he solved the problem by drawing the last dollar from the bank and distributing it promiscuously among the people he met. When he got rid of the last dollar, he recovered his good humor and went back to work as merry as a lark.

Representative Gibson, of Tennessee, Chairman of the House Committee on invalid pensions, says he hears a great many complaints, against Commissioner Ware. The only commissioner of late years against whom there were no complaints was Coporal Tanner. He suited, for he delighted in getting away with the surplus. He shovel[led] it out. The next thing Ware knows the pension attorneys will be going for his scalp as they did for Evans.

Joel and Jonas Hungerford, twins, of Watertown, Connecticut, had their 86th birthday party one day last week. They are still hale and hearty and look so much alike that sometimes one mistakes himself for the other. A mistake of that kind once came near costing Joel the price of a big mirror on a boat, which he came near smashing in the effort to shake hands with Jonas.

For LaGrippe and Influenza use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

PRITCHARD WABBLES.

We hope Senator Pritchard will succeed in getting a white postmaster for Wilson in place of the negro Vick, and so do Senator Simmons and the North Carolina Democratic members in the House of Representatives, who have joined in a request for the appointment of some good white man, but Senator Pritchard is not consistent with himself nor with his public declarations. He started out in his new departure with the avowed intention of eliminating the negro as an active factor from the Republican party, and he declared in the campaign that the last negro in office must go. Now he says the fight is not on the negro as a negro, who will be recognized.

This fight against Vick, he says, is not because he is a negro, but because he opposed Pritchard's programme, and by his vote in the congressional convention defeated Pritchard's candidate for congress in the Wilson district and nominated a white Republican whom Pritchard did not want, and who was beaten.

His next charge is that Vick helped to defeat the "lily white" candidates in his county at the last election, for which Prichard insists he should be bounced, so that when the matter is simmered down Vick's offence is that he refused to obey the commands of Pritchard in the matter of supporting his candidate for Congress, and again because he did as so many other negroes in the State did, refused to support the candidates who represented the Pritchard faction, and turned him and other negroes in the State down. It is, according to Pritchard, neither a question of color nor discharge of duties, but simply kicking against Pritchard as a boss, for which Vick should be punished. If he had stood on the color line, as he started out, he would have been consistent enough to command respect and the fight would be a more creditable one.

CURRENT COMMENT

—— The concensus of opinion now is that the ship subsidy bill is doomed, but the experts who have it in charge are men of great resources and reserve power. They may spring a surprise upon their opponents.—*Richmond Leader, Dem.*

—— The Republicans want a tariff commission, "for the purpose of taking the tariff out of politics." Really, now, if the tariff should ever be taken out of politics what would the Republican party do for campaign funds?—*Atlanta Journal, Dem.*

—— Some of the members of the House who objected to placing $50,000 to the credit of the President to meet the expenses of the anthracite strike arbitrators, said it was "an irregular proceeding" and "gave too much power to the executive." Yet those very men voted, in 1898, to turn over $50,000,000 to the President, with *carte blanche* power of expending the money!—*Chattanooga Times, Dem.*

—— A negro lawyer of Brooklyn is trying to establish a colony of people of his race on Peconic Bay, Long Island, near Riverhead. Some 6,000 lots have been laid off and quite a number of them have been purchased by the negroes. But the white residents of the community are making vigorous efforts to shut off the negro colony scheme. They do not want the blacks near them. So long as the colored brother remains in the South, these New Yorkers are quite willing to give him their love and affection; but they don't want him to come and live near them.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

— "I see where a Missouri man requested on his death-bed that no flowers be used at his funeral, save the artificial ones from his wife's hat." "He knew they couldn't get anything more expensive, I guess."—*Cincinnati Tribune*

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A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the Kidneys and Bowels, stimulate the Liver and clarify the blood. Rub down systems benefit particularly, and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50 cents, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

There is one rational way to treat nasal catarrh: the medicine is applied *direct* to the affected membrance. The remedy is Ely's Cream Balm. It restores the inflamed tissues to a healthy state without drying all the life out of them and it gives back the lost senses of taste and smell. The sufferer who is tired of vain experiments should use Cream Balm. Druggists sell it for 50 cents. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York, will mail it. †

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When you take Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic, because the formula is plainly printed on every bottle, showing that it is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure, no pay, Price, 50c. sa tu th

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Salisbury *Sun*: Joe Mitchell a hard working employe of the Piedmont Table Company of High Point, became crazy drunk Saturday night as the result of two drinks of corn whiskey, and demolished all the furniture in the house and burned up a a trunk containing $500, the result of seven years hard work.

— Tarboro *Southerner*: Elijah Perry and Sid Brown, two colored men who work for Messrs. Day & Hedges, Monday evening in the livery stable engaged in an altercation which ended with Perry striking Brown fiercely over the head with a stick on the end of which was an iron knob, which broke a hole through the back skull. Perry lost no time in running away. Brown was taken to the hospital, where Drs. Harrell and Thigpen trephined the skull and to day the man is reported in a satisfactory condition.

— Statesville *Landmark*: Mr. Mel. Clark, of Fallstown township, was exhibiting a beautiful golden pheasant in town yesterday. Mr. Clark is experimenting in raising pheasants and had six in his flock. They were doing nicely until Sunday, when one died from some unknown cause. The birds are noted for their gorgeous plumage. —— Mr. D. A. Miller, who is some thing of a farmer, has just harvested an unusually fine crop of Irish potatoes. The potatoes are of the Lookout Mountain variety and were planted in July. Six of them which Mr. Miller brought to the *Landmark* yesterday weighed just 12 pounds—an average of two pounds each. The potatoes are not only large and healthy looking, but they are of very fine flavor.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: Tom Monroe, a negro boy, was arrested Monday and is now in jail, charged with the robbery of $800 from Mr. O. A. Waddell, station agent at Manchester. Monroe was arrested on a warrant issued at Mr. Waddell's request, but the police are not much inclined to believe in his guilt. —— A very bad accident occurred at the plant of the Harnet Lumber Company, situated several miles from Manchester Monday morning at 10 o'clock, in which four men were badly hurt and several others slightly injured. Ten or a dozen white employes were engaged in erecting a dry kiln, when the partly finished structure collapsed, burying seven of them under the debris. Three of them were caught under the heavy timbers and held fast until extricated. They were: Messrs. McNeil, dangerously injured about the head; Wilson, internal injuries; and Allen, foot broken. All were badly bruised and scratched about the body. The others were not so badly injured, but were severely cut and bruised. —— Monday morning while the Coast Line section force were repairing the track on the iron bridge over the Cape Fear at Campbellton one of the negro hands met with a peculiar and terrifying accident. The men were "jacking up" the rails when the jacks gave way, the rail coming down like a vice on one of the workmen's feet. The man fell backwards and was suspended over the water, held by his entrapped foot. He was held up until the jacks were screwed up again and his foot released. The man suffered intense pain, but his foot was not badly injured and none of the bones were broken.

TWINKLINGS.

— Mrs Lovedovey (gushingly—"I never express a wish that I do not know Fred will gratify." Mrs. Cutting (sweetly)—that is where you are clever."—*Judge.*

—Kidder—The proverb "Every dog has his day," doesn't go in Algiers. Easly—Why? Kidder—For the very good reason that there every dey has his dog.—*Boston Transcript.*

— Janitor.—"You can't occupy this flat." Would-be-Tenant—"Why not? We have only nine dogs." "Oh all right. I thought you had children."—*Life.*

— Wiggs—I don't believe that music teacher can ever make anything out of her voice. Wagg—That's all you know about it. He's made over $100 out of it already.—*Phila. Record.*

— "Some Eastern man says we are to have twenty-nine snow storms this Winter." "I'll bet if you examine his business card you will find snow shovels on it." — *Clevelond Plain Dealer.*

— Biggs—"It strikes me that the fool-killer is neglecting his business." Diggs—"He's kept pretty busy, I suppose, but you might send him your address."—*Chicago Daily News*

— "Coggins must have a very strong conscience. "What makes you think so?" "He thought a long time before he concluded it was it all right to work off a bad quarter on his Chinese laundryman."—*Buffalo Express.*

— Redd—I hear you have been out on the links with your Philadelphia friend. Greene—Yes, the Quaker. "Did he surprise you any?" "I should say he did! When he missed the ball he stamped his foot and said: "You perverse thing!"—*Yonkers Statesman.*

— "The throuble with you," the doctor said after examining the young man, "seems to be that something is the matter with your heart." "With my heart?" "Yes. To give it a name, it is angina pectoris." "You'll have to guess again, doctor," said the young man. "That isn't her name at all."—*Chicago Tribune.*

Pay Your Debts.

"No, sir," declared Gazzen as he warmed up to his subject, "you'll never be happy so long as you are in debt. Pay your debts, Swayback, pay your debts."

"But I have no money," said Swayback.

"Then borrow it."—Detroit Free Press.

Truth's Chances.

William—The idea of his calling his book a historical novel! It doesn't agree with history even in the slightest particular.

Frederick—And so may be quite true. —Boston Transcript.

A Puzzle.

Mother (reprovingly to little girl just ready to go for a walk)—Dolly, that hole was not in your glove this morning.

Dolly (promptly)—Where was it, then, mamma?

Of 100,000,000 passengers by sea all the world over fifty lose their lives. Of the same number by rail forty-seven are killed.

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Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally like itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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TWO CURES.

FLORENCE, S. C., Aug. 12, 1902.
Gentlemen:—I began to suffer from rheumatism about three years ago, and had it very bad in my limbs. At times I could hardly walk. Was treated by a physician without benefit. More than a year ago, Mr. George Wilson, an engineer on the Coast Line, living in Florence, told me that "RHEUMACIDE" cured him. I got a bottle and it benefitted me. I took five bottles and am now as well as I ever was in my life. I regard "RHEUMACIDE" as a great medicine. I know of others it has cured.

Truly,
S. T. BURCH.

DARLINGTON, S. C., Aug. 19th, 1902.
Gentlemen:—About two years ago I had a very severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism. I suffered great pain and was confined to my bed for five weeks. During the time I was treated by two Physicians without permanent relief. Capt. Harker, a conductor on the Atlantic Coast Line heard of my condition and sent me two bottles of "RHEUMACIDE." I began to take it and in a week I got up and walked on crutches. After taking three bottles of the remedy I got entirely well and went back to my business.

I personally know of a number of other bad cases that were cured by the use of your medicine, in this town and vicinity. It is all that you claim for it.
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PICKINGS FROM FICTION.

If you would have a noble son, be a noble father.—"144 New Epigrams."

Keep me from caring more for books than for folks, for art than for life.—"The Ruling Passion."

In some matrimonial waters are the kind of fish that swallow the bait, but leave the hook untouched.—"By Bread Alone."

Some people, like some shrubs, must be crushed in order to obtain the real value of their essence.—"By the Higher Law."

There are things which could never be imagined, but there is nothing which may not happen.—"China In Convulsion."

Independence is not synonymous with liberty. They are often confounded, but they are quite distinct.—"The Rights of Man."

Martyrdom, the apotheosis of resignation, comes more naturally to women than to men, more hardly to men than to women.—"Count Hannibal."

True self control is to be got in the midst of struggle. It is not mutilation in the midst of natural desires, but the subordination of each desire to the good of the whole man.—"Culture and Restraint."

The Poor Little Fellow.

The street Arab lives by his wits, if he lives at all well. Two youngsters who peddle cough drops on Chestnut street have learned this thoroughly. One of these boys is much larger than the other, and a crowd was attracted to the corner of Ninth and Chestnut streets the other day to see the big boy pummeling the little boy. At the proper time the big one disappeared, leaving the little one surrounded by sympathetic onlookers. Several persons, pitying the "poor little fellow," gave him nickels and pennies.

The sequel showed that the "poor little fellow" was in league with his supposed tormentor. No sooner had the crowd dispersed than the big boy came along for his divvy. The scene was repeated several times, always with the same result.—Philadelphia Times.

Obliterating Smallpox Pittings.

Scientific treatment and much skill are required to remove smallpox pittings successfully. This treatment is given by a masseuse, but massage is not used, as it would never remove the pittings. The process requires a careful removing, little by little, of old cuticle. The new, which takes the place, is smoother than its predecessor and requires about ten days for treatment. Thus, after a couple or more treatments and in a comparatively short time, the deepest scars are replaced by a perfectly smooth skin.

Not to His Advantage.

"Huh!" grumbled Mr. Skinnay, who was being uncomfortably crowded by the jolly looking fat man. "These cars should charge by weight."

"Think so?" replied the fat man. "Why, they'd hardly think it worth while to stop for you."—Catholic Standard and Times.

But for money and the need of it there would not be half the friendship that there is in the world. It is powerful for good if divinely used.—George MacDonald.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 11.

STEAMSHIPS

Rosewood, (Br) 1,103 tons, McGregor, Heide & Co.
Europa, (Nor) 652 tons, Olsen, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Riverton, (Br) 2,236 tons, Williams, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Lillie, (Br) 311 tons, Davis, George Harriss, Son & Co.
Harbart, (Br) 2,149 tons, Bowling, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Hermiston, (Br) 2,889 tons, Bain, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Eva A Danenhower, 217 tons, Johnson, George Harriss, Son & Co.
W S Fielding, (Br) 199 tons, McDonald, J T Riley & Co.
Lottie R Russell, 368 tons, Sharp, J T Riley & Co.

BARQUES.

From, (Nor) 699 tons, Andersen, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—80 bales cotton, 7 barrels rosin, 10 barrels tar.

W. & W. Railroad—306 bales cotton, 6 barrels tar, 12 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—490 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 11 barrels rosin, 26 barrels tar, 17 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—198 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 85 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—112 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 18 barrels rosin, 7 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—123 bales cotton, 21 barrels tar, 15 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer Compton—22 bales cotton, 15 casks spirits turpentine, 11 barrels rosin.

Steamer E. A. Hawes—73 bales cot-107 barrels rosin.

Steamer A. J. Johnson—4 bales cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine, 100 barrels rosin, 117 barrels tar.

Steamer Black River—5 casks spirits turpentine, 150 barrels rosin, 33 barrels tar.

Applewhite Flat—142 barrels rosin.

Total—1,437 bales cotton, 36 casks spirits turpentine, 546 barrels rosin, 288 barrels tar, 51 barrels crude turpentine.

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NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine firm at 53½@53¾c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 10.—Spirits turpentine and rosin unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 10.—Spirits turpentine quoted steady at 50¾c; receipts 818 casks; sales 56 casks; exports 11,622 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 3,325 barrels; sales 3,266 barrels; exports 10,648 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, D, $1 45 E, $1 50; F, $1 55; G, $1 65; H, $1 85; I, $2 10; K $2 60; M, $3 05; N, $3 55; W G, $3 80; W W, $4 20.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec 10.—The cotton market opened steady at unchanged prices to an advance of two points This proved to be the lowest level of the session. Subsequent business was upon a steadily upward scale, with the advance finally a matter of four to seven points and the close at a net rise of two to six points. The firmness continued practically to the close of the session. The demand improved as the day advanced. The higher ruling of prices started on better cables than expected, and was accelerated by indications of continued small receipts and generally firm spot markets. Following the opening call there was a feverish demand from shorts on indications of very light receipts at Houston and small estimates for other points of accumulation. Wall street became a factor, giving preference to March and May, while the public demand in general was for these months and also for July and August. Considerable investment developed on the grounds that there had been exaggeration as to the car shortage

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, December 10.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 50¼c bid per gallon

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.30 per barrel for strained and $1.35 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.50 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $1.75 per barrel for hard, $3.00 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing, rosin firm at 95c@$1.00; tar firm at $1.20; crude turpentine quiet at $1.10 @2.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	36
Rosin	546
Tar	288
Crude turpentine	51

Receipts same day last year—41 casks spirits turpentine, 186 barrels rosin, 374 barrels tar, 63 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 7⅞c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	5½ cts. ₱ lb
Good ordinary	6⅞ " "
Low middling	7⅛ " "
Middling	7⅜ " "
Good middling	8 11-16 " "

Same day last year, market firm at 7¾c for middling.

Receipts—1,437 bales; same day last year, 1,214.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish (new), 65@70c.

CORN—Firm, 65@67½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 15@16c per pound; shoulders, 10@12½c; sides, 10@11c.

EGGS—Firm at 21@22c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 30@35c; springs, 12½@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 10@11c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 60c per bushel.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Money on call—The market was firm at 4@6 per cent, closing offered at 4 per ct.; time money was firm—60 days 6 per cent.; 90 days 6 per cent., nominal; six months, 6 per cent., nominal. Mostly all loans were made on special arrangements between borrowers and lenders. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange was steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 487.25 for demand and 487.50 for sixty days. The posted rates were 484½ and 488. Commercial bills 482¾@483¼. Bar silver 47⅞. Mexican dollars 37¼. Government bonds easier. State bonds—not reported. Railroad bonds weak. U. S. refunding 2's, registered, 107⅜; U. S refunding 2's, coupon, 108¼; U. S. 3's, registered, 107⅜; do. coupon, 107⅜; U. S. 4's, new registered, 135⅛; do. coupon, 135⅛; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 108½; do. coupon, 109⅜; U. S. 5's, registered, 103⅜; do. coupon, 103¾; Southern Railway, 5's, 118⅜. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 95¾. Chesapeake & Ohio 44⅝; Manhattan L 145⅝; New York Central 151; Reading 56; do. 1st preferred 84½; do. 2nd preferred 73⅜; St. Paul 169⅜; do. pref'd, 189; Southern Railway 31; do. pref'd 91½; Amalgamated Copper ex dividend 55¼; People's Gas 100⅛; Sugar 118⅞; Tennessee Coal and Iron 54¾; U. S. Leather 12; do. pref'd, 88¼; Western Union 87½; U. S. Steel 34½; do. pref'd 83⅜; Virginia-Carolina Chemical 60¾; do. preferred, 120; Standard Oil, 675@680.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 10.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 25@25⅞; do. preferred, 43@44; bonds, fours, 83@83¼.

FOREIGN MARKET

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 10.—Cotton: Spot, in improved demand; prices two points lower; American middling fair 5.06d; good middling 4.58d; middling 4.46d; low middling 4.34d; good ordinary 4.22d; ordinary 4.10d. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which 1,000 bales were for speculation and export and included 10,900 bales American. Receipts 3,000 bales, including 2,600 bales American.

Futures opened quiet and closed firm; American middling (g o c) December 4.43@4.44d; December and January 4.42d; January and February 4.41@4.42d; February and March 4.41@4.42d; March and April 4.41@4.43d; April and May 4.43d; May and June 4.42@4.43d; June and July 4.42@4.43d; July and August 4.42@4.43d.

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PRODUCE MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Flour was quieter but steadily held at old prices. Rye flour steady. Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 83¾c. From an opening advance on higher cables, foreign buying and a scare of December shorts, wheat broke at noon under natural realizing. The decline struck buying orders, however, which caused a second upturn, but the market finally yielded to disappointing export and closed ½@¾c net lower, except December which closed ¾c net higher. Sales included: March closed 82⅞c; May closed 80¾c; July closed 78½c; December closed 83¾c. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 64c. The option market was active all day and generally firm except for a brief midday reaction with wheat. Warmer and wet weather in central States, higher cables and prominent support West were the features of the day Options closed steady at ½@1c net advance. Sales to-day included: January closed 55¾c; March closed 52c; May closed 49¾c; July closed 48¾c; December closed 62. Oats—Spot steady; No. 2, 36¼c. Option sales included: May closed —; December closed 39c Butter steady; extra creamery 30c; State dairy 20@27c. Cheese firm; new State full cream, small colored fancy, September 13½, late make 13; small white September 13½; late make 13. Peanuts quiet; fancy hand picked 4¾@5c; other domestic 3½@5½c. Cabbages steady; domestic, per 100, white $1 50@2 50; red $1 50@3 00. Pork dull; family $18 00; short clear $21 00@23 00; mess $18 00@18 50. Tallow dull. Rice quiet. Freights to Liverpool—cotton by steam 12. Eggs steady; State and Pennsylvania average best 30c Lard steady; Western steam $11 30; refined steady; continent $11 50; South American $11 75; compound 7¼@7¾c. Potatoes—Market quoted firm; Long Island $2 00@3 30; South Jersey sweets $2 50@4 00; Jerseys $1 75@2 05; New York and Western per 180 lbs, $1 50 @2 00. Coffee—Spot Rio quiet; No 7 invoice 5¼c; mild easy; Cordova 7½ @12. Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3 7-16; centrifugal, 96 test 3 15-16c; refined firm. Cotton seed oil was firm on spot to-day though demand was not particularly active. Closing prices: Prime crude f. o. b. mills 28@29c; prime summer yellow 36@37; off summer yellow 36½c; prime white 39½@41c; prime winter yellow 40@41; prime meal $26 50@27 00, nominal.

CHICAGO, December 10.—Decided activity was manifested to-day in the wheat pit during the first hour, resulting in a marked advance, but later a quieter feeling developed and the close was easier, with May a shade lower. May corn closed a shade higher, while oats lost ½c. January provisions were 2½c lower to 5c higher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Cash prices: Flour quiet and steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring 75@76c; No. 3 spring 71@74¾c; No. 2 red 75½@77c. Corn—No. 2 56¼; No. 2 yellow 56¼c. Oats—No. 2 31¾c; No. 2 white —c; No. 3 white 33¼@33¾. Mess pork, per barrel, $16 87½@17 00. Lard, per 100 lbs, $10 70@10 75. Short rib sides, loose, closed $8 62½@8 75. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $8 25@8 50. Short clear sides, boxed, 7¾@74, 7¾, 73¼, 76c; May 75¾@76, $8 75@9 00. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 32.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December 76@76¼, 77, 75½, 75½c; May 77¼@77¾, 77⅞, 76¾, 76¾@77c; July 74¼@74¾, 74¾, 74, 74@74¼c. Corn—No. 2 December 55¼@56, 56¼, 55¼, 56⅜c; January 48¼@48¾, 48¾, 48¼, 48¾c; May 44½@44¾, 44⅞, 44¼, 44¾@44¾c Oats—No. 2 December, new, 32, 32¼, 31¼, 31½c; May 32¾@33¼, 33¾, 33⅜, 33¼c. Mess pork, per bbl—December $16 95, 16 97½, 16 75, 16 92½; May $15 65, 15 67½, 15 52½, 15 67½. Lard, per 100 lbs—December $10 47½, 10 55, 10 45, 10 50; January $9 97½ 9 97½, 9 90, 9 97½; May $9 15, 9 20, 8 12½, 9 20. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $8 55, 8 62½, 8 50, 8 60; May $8 37½, 8 40, 8 32½, 8 40.

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RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Discounts	$196,728 67	Capital Stock	$ 50,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures	400 00	Profits, less expenses and taxes paid	4,667 84
Cash on hand, Due from Banks	3,019 68	Accrued interest due to depositors	475 00
		Deposits	145 000 51
	$200,143 35		$200,143 35

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At close of business Nov 25th, 1902, condensed from report to Corporation Commission.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Furniture and Fixtures	$ 2 00	Capital	$ 25,000 00
Real estate	1,200 00	Deposits	961 406 94
Loans and Discounts	996,070 94	accrued interest due dep sitors	5,348 97
Cash on hand and due from banks	109 425 45	Net Profits	5t 343 1
Total	$1,037,398 42	Total	$1,037 398 42

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MRS. RIODAN'S THORWALDSEN

By WALTER A. TICE

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Every auctioneer in town knew her and expected to stumble upon her, whether at the fashionable Broadway sales or in the dimmest corner of the ghetto, and never one of them had a good word for her.

Mrs. Riodan's parsimony was as notorious as it was unnecessary, but it was her hobby to acquire bric-a-brac at ridiculous bargain figures. Had the original Venus de Milo been offered to her at $500,000 she would have held out for $499,999. Nothing gave her such exquisite pleasure as to escort a guest to some dim niche in her much decorated house and murmur with a gentle, cooing inflection:

"So glad you like it, dear. I purchased it for a song. Such a bargain! You wouldn't believe it if I told you."

In vain had wily auctioneers endeavored to entrap the lady in some of their clever schemes. She invariably scented danger and stopped bidding just when they saw the lamb led to slaughter. A group of these worthies who had been called in to examine a superb collection of art goods drifted into a cafe to lunch together, and Mrs. Riodan's hobby came up for discussion.

A widewake chap recently from Chicago listened to the tales of her shrewdness and finally remarked:

"Gentlemen, I wager a supper party for this crowd that if I have charge of that sale I will not only force Mrs. Riodan to purchase a certain article which I shall select, but she will pay at least 50 per cent more than it is worth."

The supper wager was quickly taken, and cash bets were added, the young auctioneer taking all offers. In less than a week Mrs. Riodan commenced to receive mail regarding the sale of the famous Burton collection. Almost daily there arrived either an enticing circular or a simply engraved card reminding her of the date of the sale until she became actually excited over the prospect.

When the day arrived, Mrs. Riodan was among the first on the scene, but not earlier than two young men whose tastes in bric-a-brac seemed closely allied to her own. One of them, whose face was that of a student and whose garments in some indefinable fashion suggested foreign blood and the artis-

SHE LISTENED DELIGHTEDLY TO HIS CRITICISMS OF THE COLLECTION.

tic temperament if not the calling, was especially interested in the display of bronzes.

Mrs. Riodan felt that here was a kindred spirit, and she listened delightedly to his criticisms of the collection and his easy chat of things he had seen abroad. He particularly dilated on the fact that to auction sales alone was he indebted for an opportunity to purchase rare bits of bronze, evidently his hobby.

"If one is really a judge of such things," he remarked, "there is absolutely no danger of being cheated and every chance of picking up a rare bargain."

"Ah," sighed Mrs. Riodan, "a kindred spirit indeed!" And she strolled, with assumed carelessness, as close as possible to this connoisseur, thinking complacently of her five pieces of bronze, each picked up at an auction sale. Suddenly she heard him of the artistic temperament utter an excited exclamation:

"By Jove, that is a gem!"

They had paused before a bronze statue not more than a foot in height, but exquisitely molded. It was a really fine production of Thorwaldsen's "Wrestler." With bated breath she fell back, as did the two young men, to study the figure more critically.

"Exquisite!" came to her in dulcet tones. "Worth five hundred, if it's worth a cent, or my opinion is valueless."

"A gem, worth a couple hundred," murmured Mrs. Riodan, and as she looked the muscles of the wrestler seemed to gleam in the uncertain light like burnished gold.

The men made a note of the number and then moved on, but Mrs. Riodan still lingered. She would have that piece, for she had heard the artist remark as he turned away that no one in the room would probably realize the real value of that bit.

By the time the sale opened Mrs. Riodan was in a feverish state. "The auctioneer rolled off his customary jargon, bidding went merrily on, but Mrs. Riodan heard nothing until the auctioneer reached the Thorwaldsen. Some one bid $5, and Mrs. Riodan bestowed on the ignorant individual a glance of scorn. The bids rose slowly, and at $25 Mrs. Riodan entered the arena, and so did the young artist. Up, up went the figures until finally these two were bidding steadily against each other.

"One hundred dollars!" exclaimed the artist nonchalantly.

"One hundred and twenty-five!" snapped his rival.

The artist roused himself.

"One hundred and fifty!" The drawl had left his voice.

Mrs. Riodan hesitated.

"He wants it. He knows bronzes, and—so do I," she thought.

"Going, going, going!"—

"One seventy-five!"

The artist turned a troubled face toward his friend. They conferred anxiously. The auctioneer looked from one to the other. Mrs. Riodan felt her heart contract suddenly. She wanted that bronze. What was the artist going to do?

He shook his head. The auctioneer's hammer fell. The bronze was Mrs. Riodan's property, and, giving her address and settling the bill, she hastily left the room. An hour later, having completed her other shopping, she dropped into a fashionable restaurant, feeling that, having secured a bargain, she might treat herself to an exceptional luncheon. She had barely given her order when from behind a palm she caught tones that seemed strangely familiar, that drawling, dulcet note she had heard before. And what was he saying?

"It's a jolly little lunch, isn't it, Madge? And let me tell you I earned it. I haven't played a part since the dramatic club days at college, but I flatter myself I did quite well this morning. What I know about bronzes would not cover your visiting card; but, heavens, how the old lady did snap at the bait! One seventy-five, and she could get a brand new one for a hundred!"

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The next afternoon a couple of women friends were taking tea in Mrs. Riodan's home, and one of them spied the Thorwaldsen.

"What a clever bit, Mrs. Riodan! And you've never shown it to us." The guest approached the figure and touched it daintily. "And of course you got it for a song. You always do, lucky creature!"

"Yes," murmured Mrs. Riodan, "for a song." Then she added under her breath as she passed the wafers, "But there were a few high notes in the song."

Why He Kept a Dog.

A prominent dog fancier and wealthy man of Philadelphia stepped into a grocery the other night and accidentally stumbled over a fat old German who was sitting in a corner smoking his pipe.

Under his chair was the most remarkable specimen of a dog that the gentleman had ever seen. It had the appearance of a pug, with rough, red hair and a long tail. It was impossible to resist laughing at the placid old man and his nondescript dog.

"What kind of a dog is that?" asked the gentleman.

"I don't know," replied the German.

"I suppose you use him for hunting?"

"No."

"Is he good for anything?"

"No."

"Then why do you value him so?"

"Because he likes me," said the old fellow, still puffing at his pipe, and the expression of the dog as he looked up from under the chair fully confirmed the statement.

"There is no better or stronger reason than that," asserted the gentleman emphatically as he walked away.—Philadelphia Press.

The Birds' Nests That Men Eat.

The swifts arrive in the Andaman Islands toward the end of November, but they take their time in building the nests, which are formed from a gelatinous secretion from the sallvary glands of those beautiful members of the swallow tribe.

If there has been a wet December, the first crop of nests is generally a poor one, being soiled by the damp and drippings from the roofs of the caves. Collectors, however, begin in January to go around the island to the different caves in an open boat. The best quality resemble pure isinglass and are worth their weight in silver. Afterward there are two other collections. The caves in which the nests are found are scattered about the islands; some are far inland, others in rocks concealed in mangrove swamps. —London News.

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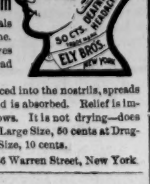

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Received to-day, one case Ladies' Hosiery — Shamrock brand—to sell 12½c, 15c and 20c; the best for the price we ever saw.

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Table Linens, Towels and Napkins; beautiful 62 inch wide Bleached Table Damask for 25c per yard; all Linen Table Damask at 39c; splendid Linen Damask at 50c, 75c and $1. Doilies 50c per dozen to $1.50 per dozen. Large Huck Towels, 20 by 39 inches, with colored border, at 10c each; 24 by 40 inch, all Linen Towels, Bleached, at 25c each. Turkish Bath Towels 10c and up to 25c each; 20-inch wide Cup Towelling, made specially for drying, at 4c per yard.

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We this week bought out a large Wholesale Boys Clothing Stock at greatly reduced prices. Which places us in position to sell you a nice Boys' Suit for $1 90 to $3.00 which you cannot buy at less than $3.00 to $500.

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Our Big Store hrs a Christmas appearrnce—pretty things can be seen on every hand. We have received lots of goods this week and are very anxious to fill your memorandum and order. Buy your goods from us and you buy them right.

Wilmington's Big Racket Store,

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LEAVE WRIGHTSVILLE FOR WILMINGTON.

At †8:00, 10:00, *11:00 A. M. 12:00, *1:00, 2:30, *3:30, 4:30, *5:30, 6:00, *6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9 30, 10:30 P. M.

LEAVE WRIGHTSVILLE FOR OCEAN VIEW.

At 9:30, *10:30, 11:30 A. M. *12:30, 1:30, *2:30 3:30, *4:40, 5:30 P. M.

LEAVE OCEAN VIEW.

At 9:45, *10:45, 11:45 A. M. *12:45, 2:15, *3:15, 4:15, 5:15, *5:45 P. M.

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Schedule in Effect Nov. 23.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington at 3:23 P. M., arrives Lumberton 5:44 P. M., Pembroke 6 10 P. M., Maxton 6 40 P. M., Hamlet 7:35 P. M., Charlotte 10:22 P. M.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:0 1A. M., Hamlet at 8:25 A. M., arrives Maxton 9:10 A. M. Pembroke 9:45 A. M., Lumberton 10 08 A. M., Wilmington 12,30 noon.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	9 45 p m	7.40 a m
Ar Monroe	11 2 a m	9 15 a m
Ar Charlotte	....	10.33 a m
Ar Chester	12.51 a m	10.30 a m
Ar Greenwood	3.25 a m	12.37 p m
Ar Athens	2 53 a m	5 58 p m
Ar Atlanta	7.35 a m	4.00 p m

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Lv Hamlet	9 45 p m	7.35 a m
Ar Columbia	1 15 a m	11.10 a m
Ar Savannah	3 35 a m	4 55 p m
Ar Jacksonville	7 00 a m	9 15 p m
Ar Tampa	6.45 p m	6.00 a m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	7.50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1.30 a m	11.10 a m
Ar Norlina	3.32 a m	1.25 p m
Ar Portsmouth	7.15 a m	5.35 p m
Ar Norfolk	....	....
Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	8.40 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 30 a m	11.45 a m
Ar Norlina	3.32 a m	1.35 a m
Ar Petersburg	5.53 a m	4.07 p m
Ar Richmond	6.35 a m	4.55 p m
Ar Washington	10.10 a m	8.30 p m
Ar Baltimore	11.25 a m	11.35 p m
Ar New York	4.15 p m	6.30 a m

Train 40 leaving Hamlet at 8.25 a. m. takes passengers from train 31, leaving New York at 3.35 p. m.; Baltimore at 5.45 p. m.; Washington 7.00 p. m.; Richmond 10.37 p. m.; Portsmouth 9.05 p. m.; Norfolk 8.30 p. m.; Raleigh 4.15 a. m. arriving at Hamlet at 7.00 a. m. From train 85, leaving Atlanta 1.00 p. m.; Athens 2.57 p. m.; Chester 4.15 a. m.; Charlotte 5.01 a. m.; Monroe 5.40 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 7.30 a. m.

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NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48	No. 40
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	7 70 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12.21 p m	9 38 p m
Ar Wilson	1 18 p m	10 40 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11.25 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	....
Ar Weldon	4 53 p m	1 45 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 59 p m	3 35 a m
Ar Richmond	7 45 p m	4.07 a m
Ar Washington	11.40 p m	7 54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1.23 a m	9 10 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 49 a m	11 25 a m
Ar New York	7.08 a m	1 58 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41	No. 49
Lv New York	9 00 a m	9 30 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 30 a m	12 10 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 44 p m	2 37 a m
Ar Washington	3 20 p m	3.45 a m
Ar Norfolk	....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	2 56 p m	8.39 a m
Ar Petersburg	7 28 p m	9 13 a m
Ar Weldon	9 04 p m	11 22 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 07 P m	12 50 p m
Ar Wilson	10 48 p m	1 46 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7.16 a m	2 55 p m
Ar Wilmington	10.19 a m	5.45 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6.00 a m	3 45 p m	7.00 p m
Ar Florence	9 25 a m	7 30 p m	2.55 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 15 p m	5.45 a m
Ar Savannah	6.35 p m	3.00 a m	7.55 a m
Ar Jacksonville	....	9.00 a m	12 45 p m
Ar Tampa	....	7.00 p m	10.00 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.
Lv Tampa	8.05 a m	9 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 30 p m	7.00 p m
Ar Savannah	1.10 p m	1.15 a m
Ar Charleston	5.15 p m	6.35 a m
Ar Florence	8 03 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11.45 p m	1.40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	West Bound Daily	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m	8.00 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 21 p m	5 00 p m
Ar Sanford	1 50 p m	5 45 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday,	South Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	2 33 p m	12 08 p m
Ar Newbern	5 49 p m	9 03 a m

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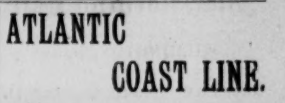

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. Passenger Trains Arrive	Passenger Trains Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. Passenger Trains Arrive	Passenger Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	....
....	4 35	Kinston	10 10	....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	9 17	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City	7 38	7 37
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

oct 22 tf E. S. DILL, Sup't.

REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE ATLANTIC National Bank, of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business, November 25, 1902.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$1,162,406 63
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	940 32
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	95,100 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits	173,800 00
Stocks, securities, etc	18,069 63
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	20,000 00
Other Real Estate owned	10,000 00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	91,651 53
Due from State Banks and Bankers	115,706 99
Due from approved reserve agents	106,304 86
Notes of other National Banks	$10,000 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	1,954 16
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie	$34 545 00
Legal tender notes	101,360 00 — 147,859 16
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas'r (5 per cent. of circulation)	4,700 00
Total	$1,945,078 52

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	$125,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	35,757 08 — 160,757 08
National Bank notes outstanding	95,100 00
Due to other National Banks	371,853 09
Due to State Banks and Bankers	307,541 70
Dividends unpaid	192 00
Individual deposits subject to check	801,070 99
Certified checks	4,606 30
Cashier's checks outstanding	44,887 56
United States deposits	173,800 00 1,864,221 44
Total	$1,945,078 52

State of North Carolina, county of New Hanover, ss.:

I, Andrew Moreland, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ANDREW MORELAND, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of November, 1902.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

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GEO. R. FRENCH,
} Directors.
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WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 11.

STRIKE COMMISSION CONTINUES HEARING.

An Alleged Bribery Scheme by Mine Owners Exposed--Workers Produce More Coal Than They Are Paid For.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SCRANTON, PA., Dec. 10.—The most interesting, if not the most important, testimony brought out at to-day's sessions of the coal strike commission was to the effect that an alleged attempt was made by a former mine foreman to bribe two presidents of local unions of the miners to have ten men in each local union to use their influence to have a resolution passed sending the men to work, thus making a serious break in the solid ranks of the strikers. Each of the presidents was to receive $2,500 and a good position as mine foreman, and each of the ten men were to get from $100 to $200 each. The name of no company was mentioned in connection with the bribery sceme, and none of the lawyers cross-examined the witness.

The large coal companies have taken no notice of the testimony which has been presented against the Coxe and Marble companies.

During the afternoon session, David Wilcox, vice president of the Delaware and Hudson, and general counsel for the company, addressed the commission and protested vigorously against the commission holding his company responsible for conditions that may exist at the Coxe or Marble mines. He was quickly stopped by Chairman Gray who said that the commission did not intend to hold any company responsible for whatever special condition may exist in other parts of the coal fields.

A large amount of technical testimony was heard on various phases of the questions at issue. Two check weighmen produced figures which tended to show that at two Delaware and Hudson collieries the miners produced 116,839 tons of coal more than they were paid for. The miners must bring up 3,136 pounds of coal and dirt to make a ton of 2,240 pounds of pure coal, and the union claims that the company gets more than 2,240 pounds of coal out of each "miners" ton of 3,136, and produced official figures to prove it.

The Delaware and Hudson company presented its figures to the commission to-day, there being the first certified statistics to be handed in. They show the average earnings of the miner in 1901 to have been $522.68, and his laborer $449.47. When Mr. Mitchell was on the stand he said that $600 should be the minimum of miners living wages.

John Earley, a check weighman, employed at the Gypsey Grove colliery of the Erie Company, who was president of the Gypsey Grove "local," told the story of the alleged attempt to bribe. Early said he was introduced to a former mine foreman named Michael Grimes, in Scranton. Early and a miner named O'Hara, who was also president of a local union, were each offered $3,500 to get ten men pass a resolution ordering the men from the two locals which they represented back to work. Early said Grimes first offered him $1,000 to work for William Connell for Congress. Grimes then made this proposition: "If Early could get ten men to have a resolution passed by his local, Grimes would give nine of them $100 each, the tenth man $200 and Early $3,500 and all expenses necessary to carry out the scheme. He further added that Early need not apply for work for three months, and that he then would be given a foreman's position. Later on, during the conversation, Grimes amended his proposition by offering to give two of the ten men $300 each, and at the same time offered Early $10 for current expenses. Early refused the money and told Grimes he would see him later. Early reported the matter to District President Nichols, of the miners' union, and it was decided to see how far the bribery scheme would be carried. Another meeting was arranged, and as Grimes had spoken of having approached P. F. O'Hara, the latter went along. The same proposition was made to O'Hara. The same night there was to be a joint meeting of all the locals in the vicinity of Dunmore, and Grimes wanted them to pass the resolution that night, but the two presidents could not see their way clear to do it. Grimes then proposed that they size up the men in the meeting, get thirty of them interested, and if the resolution was passed the thirty would each receive $300. President Nichols he said then gave out a public statement which intimated bribery was being resorted in order to break the strike and the whole thing fell through.

Grimes wanted Early to help him out of the fix but Early would have nothing to do with him. The story held the attention of the commissioners and the spectators. Later O'Hara went on the stand and corroborated Early's story.

FIGHT AT SAVANNAH.

Matty Mathews Got the Decision in a Bout With Owen Zeigler.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 10.—Matty Mathews, former welterweight champion, and Owen Zeigler, met at the Savannah Athletic Club to-night for twenty rounds for a decision. In the second round Reigler knocked Mathews down and drew blood from his eye. In the sixth Mathews sent Zeigler to the mat with a right to the point of the jaw. Zeigler took the count and got up wild as an infuriated animal, striking right and left. He made a desperate attack on Mathews, but Referee Jenkins held up his hands, stopped the fight and gave the decision to Mathews. Up to the decisive blow it was anybody's fight, and one of the hottest ever seen here.

The schooner A. L. Lee, 83 tons, of Somers Point, N. J., from Haverstraw for Atlantic City, was wrecked off the latter place. Crew saved. Vessel will probably be a total loss.

A Frightened Horse,

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SERIOUS SITUATION IN VENEZUELA.

The Government's Vessels Seized by Warships of Germany and Great Britain.

CASTRO MAKES REPRISALS.

Arrested Resident Subjects of Both Hostile Countries and Seized Property—Appeals to Venezuelan People to Take Up Arms.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CARACAS, VENEZUELA, Tuesday, December 9.—At 4 o'clock this afternoon the combined German and British fleet seized and towed outside the harbor of LaGuaira all the vessels which were then there. These were the warships General Crespo, Totumo, Ossun and Margarita. The ships were manned by 390 men.

The news of the capture of the warships is not yet generally known in the capital. Great excitement undoubtedly will prevail when it is announced.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The Admiralty has received information of the seizure of the Venezuelan gunboat Bolivar at Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad. The seizure of the gunboat was effected on instructions previously issued by the British admiralty.

KINGSTOWN, ISLAND of ST VINCENT, Dec. 10.—The British cruiser Charybois was the vessel which seized the Venezuelan gunboat Bolivar in the harbor of Port-Of-Spain, Trinidad, last night. British warships have left Trinidad to open the Orinoco river to free navigation and trade. It is reported here that the British and German warships will blockade the entire Venezuelan coast from the Orinoco to the frontier of Colombia.

Another Warning Given.

LONDON, Dec. 10, 7 P. M.—In response to an inquiry made at the Foreign Office a representative of the Associated Press was informed that up to 7 o'clock this evening no information of an official character had been received from Venezuela, everything being left to the commander of the British fleet, who had received explicit instructions as to what course to pursue and regarding the aggressive measures to be undertaken.

The Foreign Office explains that the last communication sent to President Castro was not a second ultimatum, but a notification that the commander had been instructed to send, to the effect that the second stage of the reprisals, which include other measures besides the seizure of the customs, would be commenced unless a satisfactory answer was received.

The Foreign Office has heard nothing from United States Minister Bowen, who has charge of British and German interests at Caracas, regarding the imprisonment of British subjects. It still thinks, however, that the British at Caracas will probably be safer in prison than outside.

The reports of friction between Germany and Great Britain are denied. The Foreign Office says that to all intents and purposes the two powers are taking joint action, though in certain eventualities each country is free to act independently.

Venezuela Called to Arms.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—A Venezuelan government communication to the representative here protests that Great Britain and Germany, acting in concert, have committed an act of hostility in a manner as arbitrary as it is unprecedented by the seizure of Venezuelan vessels lying at LaGuaira. The communication says that indignation in Venezuela is at its highest pitch and the government is resorting to justifiable reprisals. It has arrested the resident subjects of both hostile countries and has seized the railways and other undertakings belonging to them. At the same time, adds the communication, President Castro has appealed to the Venezuelan people to take up arms. He has decreed a general amnesty for all political offences and has ordered the restitution of the confiscated property of Venezuelan citizens.

INDUSTRIAL AGREEMENTS.

Topic Discussed at Yesterday's Session of the Industrial Department of the National Civic Federation.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The third session of the annual meeting of the Industrial Department of the National Civic Federation opened to-day as on each of the two previous days with the hall crowded to its capacity. The general topic of discussion was "Industrial Agreements."

Secretary Ealey read part of a circular he had sent to a large number of manufacturers asking them:

"Do you regard it a practical proposition to gradually reduce hours by a voluntary, uniform agreement throughout a given industry, provided the employes agree to abandon any arbitrary restrictions upon output?"

To this question 930 replies were received, 670 of them being in the affirmative.

Frederick Driscoll, commissioner of the American Newpapers Publishers' Association, made an address, in which he presented a resume of the efforts of his association to reach an understanding with the unions which should prevent strikes and bring matters of disagreement to arbitration.

Addresses were made by Samuel Gompers and others, including J. W. Jenks, professor of political economy at Cornell University, who said: "Legally the strike breaker is right, he may work (for whom ever he will. Morally, he may be right or he may be wrong."

THE VENEZUELAN SQUABBLE.

What the Naval Officers in Norfolk, Va., Think About It.

A Norfolk telegram to the Richmond *Dispatch* of the 10th inst., says:

Naval officers here believe that the action of Germany and England with regard to Venezuela will mean war between the United States and these nations, should a foot of American territory be seized or a European flag be raised on American soil. They point out the assembling of the great American fleet under Admiral Dewey at the scene of probable trouble as an evidence of the watchfulness of the American Government so far as possible violations of the Monroe doctrine are concerned. The battleship Texas has received rush orders for sea, and her bunkers are being filled to join Dewey. Overtime work is being done on the torpedo boat reserve immediately after her trial.

Visit The Polvogt Co's. Store Wednesday and Thursday their opening days' for Holiday goods. Everybody welcome. †

VENEZUELA SITUATION CONSIDERED CRITICAL.

Advices to the State Department at Washington—Minister Bowen Secured Release of Prisoners.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The State Department has been advised that a "peaceful blockade" exists in LaGuiara, which is the port of Caracas, the capital of Venezuela. The difference between this state and a state of war is not very strongly marked, except in the opportunity afforded by the peaceful blockade to effect a settlement without recourse to actual bloodshed. The situation is here regarded as critical. Minister Bowen, at Caracas, has accepted the trust placed upon him to look after the interests of British and German citizens in Venezuela and this has brought him into conflict with President Castro. He has informed the State Department that a number of these citizens were arrested yesterday in Caracas. Mr. Bowen at once addressed himself to President Castro to secure their release. He represented that he had been charged with the care of British and German subjects in Venezuela, but President Castro was unwilling at first to recognize his authority. Finally, the minister convinced him that he was acting within his rights and President Castro consented with reluctance to release the principal prisoners. Mr. Bowen will insist upon the release of the remainder. Nothing in his reports to the State Department indicates the reason for the arrest of these foreigners except that they were Germans and British.

Blockade Expected.

The latest report from Mr. Bowen to the department confirmed the press dispatches relative to the seizure of the Venezuelan navy in the port of Caracas yesterday. It is now expected that the next step will be the announcement of a formal blockade of that port by the British and German warships. It is believed here that this will not stop the entry into the port of American ships, but that if they land their cargoes the British and Germans will insist upon collecting the regular Venezuelan rate of customs duties upon them. Of course this will involve the seizure of the custom house, and in turn it is expected that President Castro, unless he concludes to abandon further resistance, will issue a decree closing the port to entries, and will insist upon collecting duties anew upon the same goods if they are passed into the interior of the country beyond La Guaira.

Ground for Declaration of War.

It was said at the British and German embassies that the action of Castro in ordering the arrest of all subjects of the British and German governments in Caracas was without precedent in the history of civilized countries supposedly at peace with each other and that such action would be regarded as sufficient ground for declaration of war. Indeed, by members of the diplomatic corps here it is regarded as being such a declaration in itself.

Minister Bowen's prompt action in demanding of President Castro the release of the German and British subjects arrested in Caracas yesterday is in accordance with the plan agreed upon between the German and British ambassadors and Secretary May when the former called at the State Department fully three weeks ago and in anticipation of the present ugly situation in Venezuela, requested that the United States minister at Caracas be permitted to protect the lives and property of all citizens of the London and Berlin governments in the South American republic.

Minister Bowen's Blunder.

It is understood that President Castro was advised of this action. It was pointed out by a diplomat of high rank to-day that in forcing Minister Bowen to demand the release of the arrested subjects, President Castro is acting directly contrary to the desire of the Washington government not to become einvolved in the international dispute. Both Germany and Great Britain, it was said, fully appreciate the position of the United States and are determined that this country shall not be necessarily drawn into the embroilment.

Immediate Payment Demanded.

CARACAS, Tuesday, Dec. 9.—It is said on good authority that the captain of the British cruiser Retribution to-day sent a special courier from LaGuaira to Caracas with an ultimatum for compliance with the note deposited yesterday by the British and German ministers at the foreign office before their departure from Caracas.

It is said the ultimatum gives a maximum of forty-eight hours in which Venezuela is to accede. The note, it is said, requests the immediate cash payment of $34,000 each to Great Britain and Germany and for the settlement of claims arising from past revolutions by a mixed tribunal, the same as the last agreement made with France. It is understood that United States Minister Bowen has assumed charge of British and German interests.

Seizure of the Bolivar.

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD, Dec. 10.—The British cruiser Charybdis seized the Venezuelan gunboat Bolivar in this harbor last night. She landed the Bolivar's officers here while the British sloop Alert took the crew of the captured gunboat to the Port of Guiara, situated on the Venezuelan coast, opposite to the Island of Trinidad.

The British torpedo boat destroyer Quail has sailed with instructions to capture the Venezuelan war vessel now engaged in blockading the mouth of the Orinoco.

The entire coast of Venezuela from the Orinoco river to LaGuira will be blockaded from to-day by British war vessels, while the Venezuelan coast from LaGuiara to the Colombian frontier will be blockaded by German warships.

To Protect Italians.

ROME, December 10.—The government has instructed the commander of the Italian third-class cruiser Giovanni Bausan, which arived at LaGuiara yesterday, to fully protect Italian subjects in Venezuela; to take them aboard, or if necessary to land blue jackets for their protection.

HOMICIDE AT CHARLOTTE.

Thos. Wilson Was Shot and Killed by Arthur L. Bishop.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 10—Thomas Wilson, an overseer, was shot and killed in the parlor of his residence last night by Arthur L. Bishop, a travelling salesman of Petersburg, Va. Bishop fled and has not been apprehended. It is said that Wilson objected to Bishop's presence in his house and ordered him to leave. In the quarrel that followed Bishop shot and instantly killed him.

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STATEHOOD BILL IN THE SENATE.

Committee Report in Favor of the Admission of One State Only.

QUAY OPPOSED THE REPORT.

Declared the Proposition to Exclude New Mexico and Arizona Was in Direct Violation of Pledge in Republican Platform--House Proceedings.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Almost the entire session of the Senate to-day was devoted to consideration of the Omnibus Statehood bill. The bill came over as the unfinished business from the last session and by agreement, to-day was fixed for calling it up. Early in the morning hour Senator Quay submitted a report of his own, and its reading occupied the time of the Senate until 2 o'clock when the Statehood bill was laid before the Senate. Senator Beveridge, chairman of the Committee on Territories, then presented the committee report.

Just before adjournment Senator Nelson secured permission to withdraw the substitute Statehood bill in order to perfect it. Senator Quay promptly insisted that the substitute, if withdrawn, should be sent back to the committee, but the chair ruled against him.

The action of Senator Nelson in withdrawing the amendment to the Omnibus Statehood bill was, he stated, for the purpose of making some amendments to the substitute which were made necessary because it was hastily drafted. It is possible that the name Jefferson will be substituted for the name of Oklahoma in accordance with an amendment offered to-day by Senator Bacon. The withdrawal of the substitute prevents a test vote at present, but one will occur as soon as it is again presented, according to the notice given by Senator Quay. The delay of this test vote will afford an opportunity for further canvassing among the Republicans who are favoring the Omnibus bill, while a vote would have committed them on one side or the other, which was not considered desirable in view of the probable majority now in favor of the Omnibus bill.

Senator Quay presented to the Senate an individual report in favor of the Omnibus Statehood bill. The proposition to exclude New Mexico and Arizona, as recommended by the majority of the committee, Senator Quay says, is in direct violation of the pledge made by the Republican platform. Senator Quay says the Indian Territory should not be included in the State of Oklahoma, because treaty agreements between the United States and the five tribes provide for a separate political organization for Indian Territory.

Senator Beveridge, chairman of the Senate Committee on Territories, presented the report of the majority of the committee against the Omnibus bill for the admission of Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico as States and in support of the substitute bill reported by the committee for the admission of one State, to embrace the area covered by the two territories of Oklahoma and Indian Territory. The admission of New Mexico and Arizona is opposed on the grounds that the population in both territories is sparse and insufficient in numbers, that a vast majority of the people of New Mexico are of Spanish descent and speak the Spanish language only; that many of the people of both territories are illiterate and do not understand American institutions. The assertion is made that many of the people do not want statehood. Accepting the unit of representation rule, which under the census of 1900 is 194,-182, it is found that New Mexico with 195,310 people would come in, but that Arizona would fall considerably short of the requirement.

Taking up the substitute bill, the committee says the two territories of Oklahoma and Indian Territory have a combined population of about a million people. They point out that of the people of Indian Territory only eighty six thousand are Indians and in this connection they call attention to the fact that many of the people of New Mexico and Arizona while called Mexicans are descendants of Indians as well as of Mexicans and Spaniards. Contending for the union of the two territories, they say that Oklahoma is too contracted in area for statehood alone and that nature, commerce and all human conditions have decreed that they should be united.

House of Representatives.

The only feature of the House proceedings to-day was a thoughtful speech by Mr. Grow, of Pennsylvania, the venerable ex-Speaker of the House, on relations between labor and capital. At the end of the present session of Congress Mr. Grow retires, at the age of 79, after a career in public life extending over half a century. His speech to-day was regarded as his valedictory to public life and was listened to with close attention by his colleagues. His conclusion was that some sort of co operation between labor and capital was the only solution of the impending problem.

A bill was passed in general terms designed to relieve tea importers from the effect of the recent decision of the circuit court in New York imposing the ten-cent war duty on tea imported in bond prior to the time when tea is restored to the free list, January 1, 1903. Another bill, to refund the duties collected on merchandise from Porto Rico and the Philippines during the period between the ratification of the treaty of Paris and the revenue acts for those islands, was also passed. The pure food bill was made a continuing rider, not to interfere with appropriation bills, until it is disposed of.

BATTLESHIP DISABLED.

The Texas Left Norfolk, But Had to Return for Repairs.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 10.—The battleship Texas and the cruiser Topeka both got under way and left the navy yard for Culebra this afternoon. Shortly after leaving her dock it was discovered that the engine room indicator of the Texas would not work. The battleship immediately dropped anchor and in doing so she carried away a boat stanchion. Later the Texas returned to her berth at the navy yard and repairs were at once begun.

Work was rushed on both the Texas and Topeka in the effort to get the vessels in southern waters at the earliest possible moment. The Texas started to-day with but one of her motor cylinders in commission. Both the cylinders were wrecked in the recent inspection trial off the Capes.

The Topeka blew out a cylinder head last Saturday and it cannot be learned whether repairs have been completed or not. It is given out that both vessels will go to Culebra direct.

VENEZUELANS MAKE VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION

Populace of Caracas Mob the German Consulate—British and German Flags Publicly Burned by the Mob.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

WILLEMSTAD, CURACOA, Dec. 10.—There was a great patriotic demonstration in Caracas at 8 o'clock last night when the news arrived that the British and German warships had seized the Venezuelan war vessels at LaGuiara. Crowds quickly gathered and paraded the streets and squares of the capital, displaying banners and singing patriotic songs. Violent speeches were delivered at various points. The populace marched to the palace of President Castro, who addressed it. The mob then moved to the German legation shouting, "Death to the Germans!" The windows were shattered with stones and attempts were made to force the doors, but the latter resisted these efforts, and Mme. Von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, the wife of the German charge d'affaires, who has been ill in bed for the past two months and therefore could not leave Caracas with her husband, was thus saved from violence. The crowd then marched to the German consulate and to the residence of Dr. Koehler, again stoning the windows and attempting to force an entrance. The police made no effort to disperse the demonstration.

The excitement was still intense, when at 10 o'clock at night the Governor ordered the arrest of all the German and English residents. One hour later 205 persons, prominent in social and commercial life, were crowded together in the police station. All the British residents were arrested except Albert Cherry, of the Venezuela British-owned Central Railway, and Mr. Wallace, manager of the Telephone Company, who escaped to a place of safety.

Ninety-seven German residents were arrested, among them the German Consul, Valentine Blohm, and Herr Knoop, the manager of the German Central railway. Herr Sim Ross, chancellor of the German legation, was met by the police near Boliver square and also arrested.

Amid cries of "Death to the Germans," and "Down with the foreigners," the populace directed its way to the German residential quarter and gathered outside the Hotel Klindt and the German club, vociferating and uttering insults. The Belgian charge d'affaires, F. J. S. Goffart, was arrested by mistake for a German because of his fair complexion. In spite of his vigorous protests he was taken to the police station, but was released ten minutes later.

On learning these incidents United States Minister Bowen and Sec. W. W Russell, went at once to see President Castro and after a long conference succeeded in obtaining the release of Dr. Koehler, Mme. Von Pilgrim-Baltazzi's physician, and Consul Valentine Blohm. Minister Bowen also obtained the official authorization of the Venezuelan government to represent German and British interests during the imbroglio.

The government has placed an embargo on the British railroad to LaGuaira and on the German central railroad from Caracas to Valencia.

The populace is still intensely excited and the situation is regarded as critical. The British and German flags have been publicly burned.

The German and British residents at LaGuaira have also been arrested, with the exception of Messrs. Fieldwick, Prince and Lepage, the English directors of the harbor corporation, who barricaded themselves in their house.

The British torpedo-boat destroyer Quail arrived here at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The German cruiser Panther left this morning in the direction of Carupano, and the German cruiser Falke has sailed for Puerto Cabello on a search for the remainder of the Venezuelan fleet. It is believed that the British cruiser Indefatigable is on her way to the Venezuelan seaport of Guantano, the port of Barcelona, where the Venezuelan gunboat Restaurador is now lying.

Troops are expected here from Caracas, as the government is credited with the intention of repulsing the landing by the allied forces.

Anglo-German Plans

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—The naval plans of Germany and Great Britain provide for the patrolling of the Venezuelan coast by launches in order to prevent smuggling, and for the blockade of those Venezuelan ports where the custom houses have not been taken over, in order to prevent vessels avoiding the ports occupied by the allies. Naturally, this procedure, if it becomes necessary would require a number of vessels, and as Great Britain has more ships available in the West Indies than Germany, a larger portion of the work will fall on Great Britain unless Germany sends out additional cruisers, according to her first intention.

THE VENEZUELAN FLEET.

Captured and Sunk by German and British Warships — German Sailors Landed at La Guiara.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LAGUAIRA, VENEZUELA, Dec 10.—Ten German and four British cutters captured the Venezuelan fleet yesterday. They went along side the Venezuelan vessels and ordered them to surrender and without a shot being fired, the British and German forces seized the fleet in the name of the German Emperor and the King of England. Two of the vessels which were undergoing repairs were broken up. The German cruiser Panther steamed into the harbor during these proceedings with her decks cleared for action. The Venezuelan steamers were taken outside the harbor and at 2 o'clock this morning the General Crespo, Tutmo and Margarita were sunk. The Ossun was the only vessel spared in view of the protest made by the French charge d'affaires. H. Quievreux, who notified the commodore of the allied fleet that the Ossun is the property of a Frenchman.

At 10 o'clock last evening 130 German sailors were landed and proceeded to Cardonal, a suburb of LaGuaira, in which is situated the residence of German Consul Lentz, who with his family they escorted back to LaGuaira and placed on board the warship Vineta. On their way back to this port the German sailors met a party of Venezuelan soldiers, but no collision took place. At 5 o'clock this morning a landing party of thirty British seamen went to the British consulate and conducted the British consul, R. Schuneck, and his family on board the Retribution.

George Sawter, United States Consul at Antigua, British West Indies, has been appointed to succeed the late Thomas Nast as consul general at Guayaquil, Ecuador.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EDUCATIONAL CENTRE

Scheme of John D. Rockefeller and Other Persons of Wealth to Aid Existing Schools and Colleges.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—It became known to-day that the bill for "the incorporation of a general educational board," which recently passed the House of Representatives, is intended to pave the way for the establishment of an educational center of extensive proportions in this city. The measure was introduced at the instance of John D. Rockefeller and other persons of wealth, who, it now develops, intend to create a fund to aid existing schools and colleges without any restriction as to the age, sex or color of attendants. The measure also is without limitation as to the section of country in which the schools shall be located, but it is known that it is the especial desire of the promoters of the undertaking to improve the educational facilities of the South, including those for the improvement of colored youth. There is no intention of building up an educational institution at any place. The headquarters and offices of the corporation will be located in Washington. No definite figures can be given by any one here as to the amount to be invested, but those who know anything of the plans believe the volume of money will be sufficient to meet all real needs of deserving institutions in the Southern States. Mr. Rockefeller has not promised any specific amount, but he has let it be known that he will give liberally. The names of other wealthy men who will join him in the enterprise have not been made public.

The incorporators named in the act are the following well known educators: Daniel C. Gilman, George Foster Peabody, Morris K. Jessup, Robt. C Ogden, William H. Baldwin, Jr., Jabez T. M. Curry, Frederick T. Gates, Walter H. Page and Albert Shaw. The understanding here is that the institution will be put into shape for business soon after the bill receives the President's signature.

BANK ROBBERS FOILED.

One of the Gang Shot and Killed by a Telephone Operator.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

DEKALB, TEXAS, Dec. 10.—A daring and fatal attempt to rob the bank here was made by four men this morning. Over the bank is the local telephone exchange, operated by W. D. Dodd and his son Marvin, twenty years of age. One of the robbers knocked at the telephone exchange door and when Marvin Dodd responded a pistol was presented at his head. Young Dodd grappled with the man, wrenched the weapon from him and with it shot the bandit, killing him in his tracks. A fusilade followed, and young Dodd was shot twice, but not seriously wounded. The three surviving bandits escaped.

CORDETT-McGOVERN.

Will Meet in Detroit for a Contest in January Next.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

DETROIT, MICH., Dec. 10.—William Considine, match-maker for the Metropolitan Athletic Club of this city, today received a dispatch from John Consodine, of New York, manager for Young Corbett, stating that Detroit has been awarded the Corbett McGovern contest.

The men will meet probably on January 3d.

WARM WIRELETS.

The telegraph operators on the Norfolk and Western railway system have been granted a 10 per cent. increase in wages, shorter hours and extra pay for over time, effective January 1st.

The United States battleship Texas sailed yesterday to join the North Atlantic squadron, which in conjunction with the South Atlantic and European squadrons, is engaged in naval manoeuvres near Culebra in the Caribbean sea.

The local agency of the London and River Plate Bank in New York will ship $500,000 in gold to Buenos Ayres to-day. The transaction is a special one, and makes a total of $2,000,000 shipped by this bank since August last. Muller, Schrall & Co. announce the engagement of $500,000 in gold to Buenos Ayres to-morrow.

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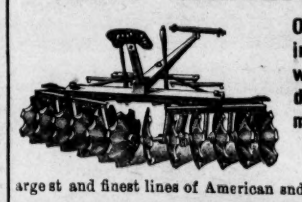

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